

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-61-2 Building Date: 1913

Building Name: Orr House

Location: 4528 40th Street, North Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Orr House is a two-story flat-front frame dwelling with shed roof of very shallow pitch. Entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay east facade, sheltered by a one-story plain porch. The original wood siding is covered with pink and white aluminum siding. All Victorian trim has been removed from the horizontal cornice. Windows (except those sheltered by the front porch) have pink and white striped awnings.

Significance

The Orr House is an important element of the black community of North Brentwood; it is representative of the urban vernacular dwellings, sometimes referred to as "free-standing rowhouses", which were built on the narrow lots of early twentieth-century suburbs. It was built in 1913 for the family of Robert Orr. Although substantially altered by the application of aluminum siding and the removal of Victorian trim, it is still representative of a popular period house type.

Acreage: 7,500 Square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert Orr House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4528 40th Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town North Brentwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4state Maryland ☐ county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hiawatha Crank and Shirley Morris

street & number 4528 40th Street telephone no.:

city, town North Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5734

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 253

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1913

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Pearl, S.G., Historical Survey, North Brentwood, Maryland, MNCPPC, 1992; Prince George's County Deeds; PGC Tax Assessments; PGC Wills; PGC Estate Files; Federal Census Records for Prince George's County, MD, 1900, 1910; PGC Plats; PGC Equity Court Cases, etc.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7500 sq.ft. (Holladay, Block G, lot 2)Quadrangle name Washington EastQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

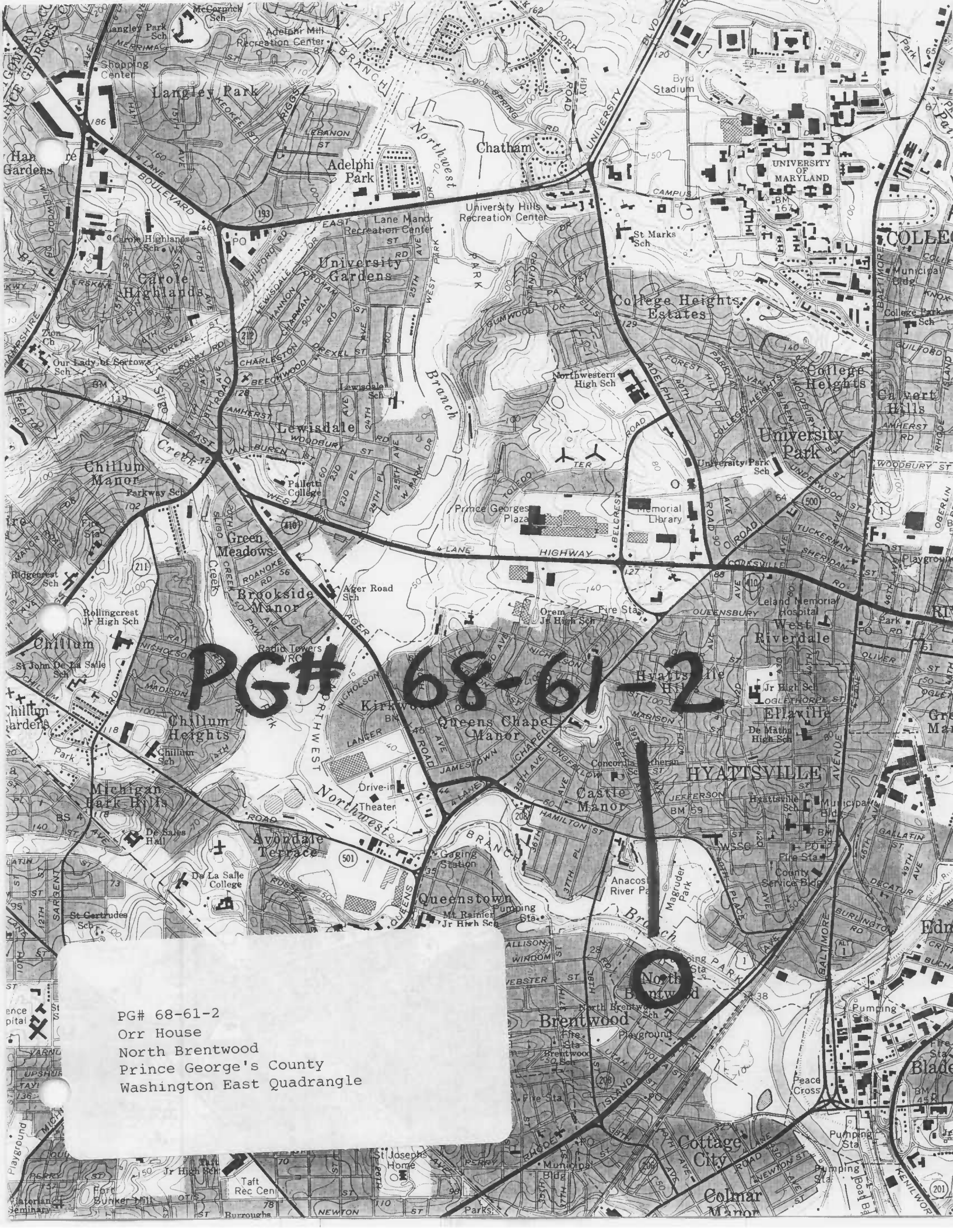
11. Form Prepared By

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Orr House
North Brentwood
Prince George's County
Washington East Quadrangle



Robert O. House

4528 40th Street

San Francisco, D.C.

Anna L. Pearl

March 1991

East facade